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In re Patent Application of:

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For: BAND SAW BLADE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 20, 2000

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 1999. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond is filed concurrently with this Amendment, along with a Notice of Appeal. The Examiner is requested to amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 8-13 as follows:

8. (Amended) A band saw blade, comprising:

at least a first left set tooth which is bent along a first bending [position] line extending in a moving direction of the band saw blade to cut a workpiece;

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